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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY ELECTION RESULTS

REF: OKUN-ERICKSON TELECON DEC 13

1. LOCAL ELECTIONS HELD DEC 12 FOR PARISH ASSEMBLIES,
MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLIES, AND MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS HAD VOTER
TURNOUT OF 63 PERCENT VERSUS APRIL 76 ELECTION FIGURE
OF 84 PERCENT. WITH APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF VOTES
COUNTED AS OF 8:00 AM DEC 13, RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS
IN THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBER ELECTIONS, THE CONTEST WITH
MOST SIGNIFICANCE NATIONALLY:

	DEC 1976	APRIL 1976
	LOCAL ELECTION	ASSEMBLY ELECTION
	PERCENTAGES	PERCENTAGES
SOCIALISTS (PS)	32.91	34.88
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSD)	23.71	24.35
PEOPLE UNITED (FEPU- COMMUNIST FRONT)	19.19	14.39 (PCP)
CENTER DEMOCRATS (CDS)	15.24	15.97
POPULAR UNITY GROUPS (GDUP - FAR LEFT)	2.42	2.30 (UDP AND MES)

2. WITH 222 OF 304 MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS REPORTED, THE RESULTS
FOR PRESIDENTS (MAYORS) OF THE CHAMBERS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
EXECUTIVES ELECTED, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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FEPU - 29

CDS - 23

3. SOCIALISTS HAVE APPARENTLY GAINED CONTROL OF PORTUGAL'S
FOUR LARGEST CITIES -- LISBON, OPORTO, COIMBRA & SETUBAL.

4. VOTING WENT OFF QUIETLY UNDER WARM SUNNY SKIES. COUNTING
HAS STOPPED & WILL START AGAIN MID-AFTERNOON DEC 13. FINAL
RESULTS SHOULD BE KNOWN BY TUESDAY MORNING.

5. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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